CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	\square	Force	☐ Discourt.	☐ U.S.
Thomas Juliano		Squad #11	201806662	Ø	Abuse	O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:	•	P	recinct:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Friday, 08/18/2017 3:15 AM		§ 87(2)(b) stationhouse	25th Precinct		25	2/18/2019	2/18/2019
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported	:	Date/Time	Received at CCI	RB
Mon, 08/13/2018 9:45 PM		CCRB	On-line website		Mon, 08/13	3/2018 9:45 PM	
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addr	ess				
Witness(es)		Home Addr	ess				
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command				
1. DT3 Raymond Low	4743	936985	NARCBMN				
2. DT3 Manuel Cordova	00225	918880	NARCBMN				
3. DT3 Xavier Reynoso	1488	939302	NARCBMN				
Officer(s)	Allegatio	n			Inve	stigator Recon	nmendation
A.DT3 Manuel Cordova		front of ^{§ 87(2)(b)} Manuel Cordova used	in Manhad d a chokehold against		2)(b)		
B.DT3 Xavier Reynoso	Force: In Detective gate.	front of § 87(2)(b) Xavier Reynoso hit § 8	Manhattar against		etal		
C.DT3 Xavier Reynoso	Force: In	front of § 87(2)(b) Xavier Reynoso used	Manhattar force against § 87(2)(b)				
D.DT3 Manuel Cordova		front of § 87(2)(b) Manuel Cordova used	Manhattai d physical force again				
E.DT3 Raymond Low		front of § 87(2)(b) Raymond Low strip-s	Manhatta searched § 87(2)(b)	ın,			
F.DT3 Manuel Cordova	Force: In Detective § 87(2)(b)	front of ^{§ 87(2)(b)} Manuel Cordova used	Manhattar d physical force again				
G.DT3 Raymond Low		the 25th Precinct stati a chokehold against §		Rayn	nond		
H.DT3 Raymond Low		the 25th Precinct stati		Rayn	nond		
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)							
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Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)		
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Case Summary

a reporting non-witness, filed this complaint on behalf of

On October 16, 2018, a duplicate complaint was received from IAB. A sworn statement was not received until December 27, 2018. §87(2)(b) was incarcerated and was moved to three different correctional facilities while attempting to contact him. On December 7, 2018 the investigation received the notarized written statement. A phone statement was not able to be obtained until December 27, 2018 due to limitations set by the NYS Department of Corrections. On August 18, 2017, at 3:15 a.m., [37(2)[6]] was exiting his unidentified friend's apartment building located at § 87(2)(b) in Manhattan, when was approached by Det. Raymond Low, Det. Manuel Cordova, and PO Xavier Reynoso of the Narcotics Borough Manhattan North. The officers approached \$87(2)(b) and grabbed him. \$97(2)(b) put his hands in the air and asked what was going on. Det. Cordova wrapped his arm across \$87(2)(6) (Allegation A: Force, \$87(2)(9)). Det. Reynoso slammed \$87(2)(b) s head into a metal). § 87(2)(b) gate approximately five times (Allegation B: Force, § 87(2)(9) then fell to the ground. On the ground, Det. Cordova and Det. Reynoso kicked and punched \$87(2)(b) on his back and head (Allegation C: Force, § 87(2)(9) ; Allegation D: Force, § 87(2)(9) was then handcuffed and stood up. Det. Low searched \$37(2) species and did not find anything. Det. Low then pulled open §87(2)(b) s pants and underwear and reached his hands into § 87(2)(b) s underwear and searched under his testicles and by his buttocks (Allegation E: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(9)). While \$87(2)(b) was being strip searched, Det. Cordova kneed § 87(2)(b) (Allegation F: Force, § 87(2)(g)). Det. Low recovered cocaine from § s pants and he was transported to the 25th Precinct stationhouse. While \$87(2)(6) was being lodged in the holding cells, Det. Low asked \$87(2)(b) to remove his shoelaces and refused. Det. Low, Det. Cordova, and PO Reynoso then entered the cells. Det. Low approached 37(2)(b) and allegedly placed him into a headlock (Allegation G: Force,). Det. Cordova and PO Reynoso pulled on § 87(2)(b) s legs and sneakers. Det. Low allegedly punched \$87(2)(b) in the ribs (Allegation H: Force, \$87(2)(9)). The officers then removed § 87(2)(b) s sneakers and exited the cells. § 87(4-b), § 87(2)(9) was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree. This case was tried in front of a jury, and \$87(2)(5) was found guilty of the charges and sentenced to years in prison. Video footage for this case was obtained from §87(2)(b) s attorney. The video footage is surveillance footage taken from a store at the incident location.

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On August 18, 2018, § 87(2)(b)

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Force: In front of \$87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, Detective Manuel
Cordova used a chokehold against \$87(2)(5)	
Allegation (B) Force: In front of \$87(2)(b)	Manhattan, Detective Xavier
Reynoso hit § 87(2)(b) against a metal gate.	_
It is undisputed that \$87(2)(b) was stopped after he allege	edly sold narcotics inside of \$87(2)
in Manhattan.	
stated that after exiting the apartment that he w and Det. Cordova. Det. Low went into the building. The ormetal gate, which belonged to a closed pawn shop, with th and asked the officers what was happening. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ did resist. Det. Reynoso put one of his arms across \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ was held like this for approximate not restricted as a result. Det. Cordova slammed \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ approximately three times. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ did not sustain any interest that he was approximate that he was approximately th	against a geir bodies. [87(2)(b)] put his hands up the not run from the officers and did not a neck and his other arm on [87(2)] put hirty seconds and his breathing was a head into the metal gate
Det. Cordova testified that he and Det. Reynoso exited the	
identified themselves as police officers, and told § 87(2)(b) Cordova grabbed § 87(2)(b) s arm and felt that § 87(2)(b)	to stop. \$87(2)(b) stopped. Det.
grabbed \$87(2)(b) because \$87(2)(b) was a lot younger,	
that only Det. Reynoso would have been able to keep up w	
worst physical shape" out of the officers. Either Det. Cord	
their handcuffs. There were two storefronts with closed me	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
in front of. Det. Cordova attempted to place \$87(2)(b) int	
being placed into handcuffs by tensing his body and refusi	
Det. Cordova told \$87(2)(b) "Stop struggling. Police." D	
s right shoulder at a downward angle across his	
s left armpit. Det. Cordova was attempting to interl	
body. Det. Cordova's arm never went across \$87(2)(b) s	
in this manner so that he could pull him backwards and att	
felt that it was would have been easier to control §87(2)(b) have been harder for him to run away if he managed to bre	
was not successfully able to bring \$87(2)(b) to the ground	
and Det. Cordova did not know what he was doing,	
control \$87(2)(b) s arms. Det. Cordova stated that they have	
result of wrestling with \$87(2)(6) and that hitting \$87(2)(6)	
Det. Cordova did not see Det. Reynoso put his hand on \$87	
gate. Det. Cordova explained that § 87(2)(b) was held up a	against the gate as to give § 87(2)(b)
one less direction to run in.	
Det. Reynoso testified that after he and Det. Cordova appr	oached § 87(2)(b) that § 87(2)(b)
began to run and Det. Reynoso ran after \$87(2)(b) for app	
lengths before catching up to him. Det. Reynoso grabbed	
him against a metal gate covering the entrance of a closed	bodega. § 87(2)(b) tried to get away
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On July 24, 2018, Det. Reynoso testified in \$87(2)(b) s criminal trial and made the following statement under oath during cross examination with \$87(2)(b) which can be found on page 215 of the trial transcript:

"Q - Now, during the course of your arrest, did you have occasion to hit the defendant's head, ser(2)(b) see a head into a metal gate?

A – Yes, I pushed him away, away from myself.

Court: That wasn't the question. Did you push his head into a metal grate?

The witness: I pushed him.

The court: Yes?

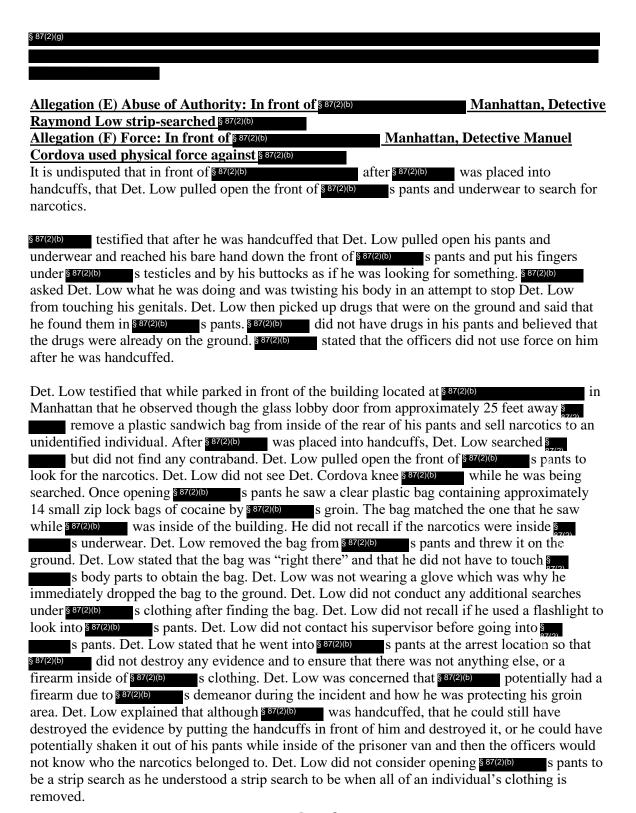
The witness: Yes." (Board Review 01)

Det. Low testified that while Det. Reynoso and Det. Cordova attempted to apprehend [87(2)(b)] that he went inside of the building and attempted to apprehend the unidentified buyer. Det. Low was unable to find the buyer and exited the building. Upon exiting the building Det. Low saw Det. Cordova and Det. Reynoso struggling with \$87(2)(b) and Det. Low assisted the officers in placing § 87(2)(b) into handcuffs. § 87(2)(b) was hunched over with his hands tensed near the front of his waist. Det. Low, Det. Cordova and Det. Reynoso repeatedly ordered § 37(2)(b) give them his hands and \$87(2)(b) did not comply. Det. Reynoso pulled on \$87(2)(b) s arms in an attempt to handcuff him and Det. Cordova held \$37(2) by bear-hugging him from behind with his arms around his chest. Det. Low approached and grabbed \$87(2)(6) s right arm and placed it in handcuffs. § 87(2)(6) was not attempting to physically fight the officers and did not resist in any other way besides not providing his hands to the officers. § 87(2)(b) and the officers were standing close to the gate of the closed business; however, they were not leaned against it. The officers and (\$87(2)(b) were occasionally hitting into the gate; however, it was not intentional and was a byproduct of the physical struggle. Det. Low did not see Det. Reynoso put his hand on §87(2)(b) s head and hit it into the gate. Det. Low did not see Det. Cordova place his

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arms around \$87(2)(b) s neck. Neither Det. Low nor the other officers used any force besides pulling \$87(2)(b) s hands behind his back.
Surveillance video 1 (00:12) shows Det. Cordova wrapping his right arm around striction is neck while placing his left arm under striction is left arm. Det. Cordova intertwines his hands while PO Reynoso attempts to pull striction is arms behind his back. striction resists giving the officers his hands by holding his arms in front of him. At 00:35 Det. Cordova's right arm slips under striction is chin onto his neck while Det. Reynoso places his right hand against the side of striction is head and hits it into the metal gate five times. (Board Review 02)
NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01 states that officers "will use only the reasonable force necessary to gain control or custody of a subject," and, "In determining whether the use of force is reasonable, [officers] shall consider actions taken by the subject [and the] immediacy of the perceived threat or harm to the subject, [officers], and/or bystanders." A chokehold is defined as "any pressure to the throat or windpipe, which may prevent or hinder breathing or reduce intake of air," and states, "[officers] SHALL NOT use a chokehold." (Board Review 03)
§ 87(2)(g)
Allegation (C) Force: In front of 887(2)(b) Reynoso used force against 887(2)(b) Manhattan, Detective Xavier
Allegation (D) Force: In front of \$87(2)(b) Manhattan, Detective Manuel
Cordova used physical force against \$\frac{\\$^{7(2)(b)}}{\\$^{87(2)(b)}}\$ testified that after he was then taken to the ground that Det. Cordova and Det. Reynoso kicked and punched him in his back and head. \$\frac{\\$^{87(2)(b)}}{\\$^{87(2)(b)}}\$ allegedly sustained a small amount of bruising as a result. The officers then placed \$\frac{\\$^{87(2)(b)}}{\\$^{87(2)(b)}}\$ into handcuffs.
Det. Reynoso and Det. Cordova denied kicking and punching \$87(2)(b) while he was on the ground. Det. Low did not see Det. Reynoso or Det. Cordova kick or punch \$87(2)(b) while he was on the ground.
Surveillance Video 2, 01:40-02:07, shows that \$87(2)(b) is taken to the ground, handcuffed, and stood up. The video does not depict any additional force used on \$87(2)(b) (Board Review 04)

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On July 23, 2018 and July 24, 2018, Det. Low testified in \$87(2)(6) s criminal trial and made the following statements under oath:

Page 58: Under direct examination by Prosecutor Daria Andyushchenko:

"Q – What if anything else did you recover from the defendant?

A – A cell phone.

Q – Anything else?

A - At that point, no.

Q – What happened then?

A – After that I began to continue to search. I unbuckled his belt because through my observation of the original transaction inside the building that's where I seen him retrieve the plastic item from. At that point as soon as I went to unbuckle the belt he immediately crunched over again forward. A brief tussle began between both of s at that point. I was eventually able to unbuckle the belt. When I pulled the pants forward and the underwear forward, there was a plastic bag that I seen him retrieve earlier inside the building." (Board Review 05)

Page 145: Under cross examination by §87(2)(b)

"Q – You decided to essentially open u his pants, and look at where his genitals were - - open up his pants, open up his underwear, and look at where his genitals were, in plain view of everybody on the street; right?

A – I decided to look in the direction where the drugs would be; yes. "(Board Review 01)

Det. Cordova testified that he could not recall if an officer went into \$87(2)(b) s pants or if the drugs fell out of his pants. He stated that after the drugs were on the ground, and after \$87(2)(b) was in handcuffs, that \$87(2)(b) attempted to stomp on the drugs on the ground. Det. Cardova kneed \$87(2)(b) in the inner-thigh in order to prevent \$87(2)(b) from destroying the evidence.

Det. Reynoso testified that \$87(2)(b) was frisked incident to arrest. During the frisk, an object fell from \$87(2)(b) s pants. Det. Reynoso did not see where exactly the object came from and did not see the object removed from \$87(2)(b) s pants. Det. Reynoso did not remember who recovered the object on the ground and he did not know what the object was. Det. Reynoso did not remember if any officer entered \$87(2)(b) s pockets. Det. Reynoso did not remember whether Det. Low or any other officer opened \$87(2)(b) s pants and searched him. Det. Reynoso did not see any officer knee \$87(2)(b) in the groin.

Surveillance Video 2 shows at 03:47 Det. Low looking into \$87(2)(b) s pants. \$87(2)(b) is in handcuffs and is surrounded by Det. Low, Det. Cordova, and Det. Reynoso. 03:47: PO3 goes into \$87(2)(b) s pants. \$87(2)(b) s pant

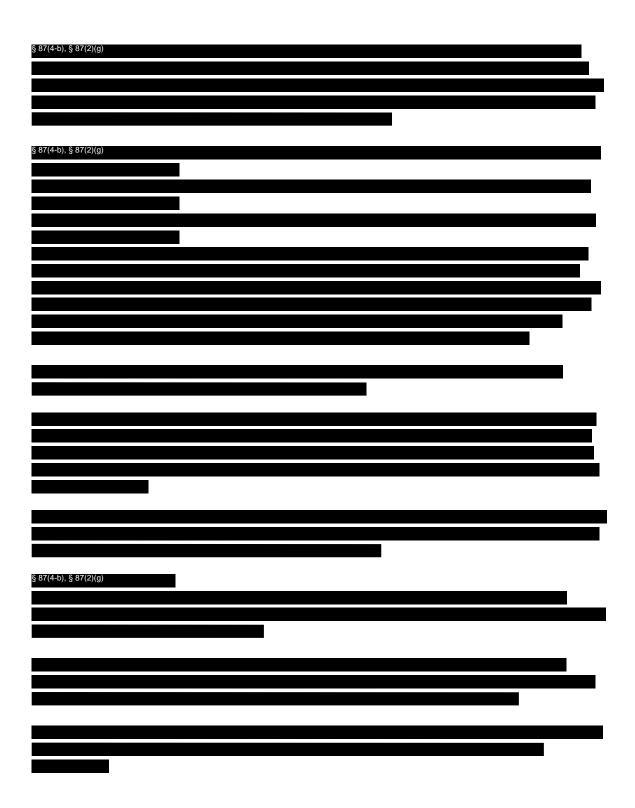
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\$87(2)(b) with his knee, \$87(2)(b) does not lift either of his feet off the ground prior to being kneed. (Board Review 04) NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 208-05 states that a strip search is a search where an individual's undergarments and/or private parts are exposed. A supervisor will authorize a strip search only when an arresting officer has articulated objective reasoning that an individual is concealing evidence, contraband, or a weapon. A strip search shall be conducted in a secure area in utmost privacy and in the presence of only those members of service reasonably necessary to conduct the search. (Board Review 06) NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01 states that officers "will use only the reasonable force necessary to gain control or custody of a subject," and, "In determining whether the use of force is reasonable, [officers] shall consider... actions taken by the subject... [and the] immediacy of the perceived threat or harm to the subject, [officers], and/or bystanders." (Board Review 03) Allegation (G) Force: At the 25th Precinct stationhouse, Detective Raymond Low used a chokehold against § 87(2)(b) Allegation (H) Force: At the 25th Precinct stationhouse, Detective Raymond Low used physical force against § 87(2)(b) testified that while he was being lodged in the holding cells, Det. Low asked to remove his shoelaces. § 87(2)(b) was angry, and refused to remove his shoelaces as he wanted to keep them in his shoes. Det. Low told §87(2)(b) that if they did not give them his shoelaces that they would take them from him. §87(2)(6) told Det. Low that they could take it from him, and that if they touched him that he would file a complaint. Det. Low told § 87(2)(b) that there were no cameras in the holding cells and that the complaint would not hold up. Det. Low, Det. Cordova, and Det. Reynoso then entered the cells. \$87(2)(5) was sitting on a bench in the cell. Det. Low approached §87(2)(b) from the side and placed him in a headlock and pulled him down in an attempt to pin him down against the bench. Det. Cordova and Det. Reynoso then pulled on \$87(2)(b) s legs and sneakers. \$87(2)(b) resisted the officers and attempted to get them off of him by pushing the officers and attempting to stand up. Det. Low punched \$87(2)(b) in the ribs, which coupled with the headlock caused \$87(2)(b) difficulty breathing. \$87(2)(b)

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stated that there was a witness in the holding cells who saw the use of force with the last name \$87(2)(b) After the officers obtained \$87(2)(b) was then removed to \$87(2)(b) .
s Medical records, which were obtained from \$87(2)(b) show that on \$87(2)(b) was taken to the \$97(2)(b) Emergency Department. \$87(2)(b) received x-rays of his chest, ribs, left hand, left wrist, and left shoulder and was diagnosed with an unspecified injury relating to early complications of trauma and was advised to follow up with his primary care physician. (Board Review 07)
Det. Low testified that while processing \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ s arrest on a computer at the 25 th Precinct hubsite, that he heard a scuffle in the holding cells. Det. Low entered the holding cells and observed an officer attempting to pull \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ s arms behind his back and handcuff him and \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ was resisting by not giving the officer his arms. Det. Low did not recall which officer was attempting to handcuff \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ and stated that there was only one officer in the holding cells. Det. Low entered the cell and handcuffed \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ Det. Low did not use any additional force besides pulling \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ s hands behind his back to handcuff him. Det. Low did not place \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ into a chokehold nor did he wrap his arm around \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ s neck. Det. Low did not punch \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ in the ribs. After \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ was handcuffed Det. Low left the holding cell area and went back to the computer. Det. Low did not hear \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ complain about pain or difficulty breathing. Det. Low learned that the officer was attempting to fingerprint \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ and \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ refused to leave the cell to be fingerprinted.
Det. Cordova testified that after \$87(2)(b) are sarrest that he went to the 25 th Precinct hub site. Det. Cordova did not recall having any interaction with \$87(2)(b) at the 25 th Precinct hub site. Det. Cordova did not recall an incident in which \$87(2)(b) refused to remove his shoes. Det. Cordova did not see Det. Low place \$87(2)(b) into a chokehold or punch him in the ribs.
Det. Reynoso testified that he never went to the 25^{th} Precinct stationhouse and that he returned to the Narcotics Borough Manhattan North Stationhouse.
The command log was redacted by the NYPD and therefore no witnesses could be identified. The Prisoner Holding Pen Roster was ordered and is pending receipt. On January 24, 2018, an was sent to the IAB Liaison who confirmed that the document is still pending. A BADS search was conducted which returned negative results for \$87(2)(b) or potential witnesses. (Board Review 08)
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Allegations not Pled

A stop was not pled in this case due to the fact that this case was tried in New York County Supreme Court and was found guilty by jury.

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

§ 87(2)(b)	
	Low has been a member of the NYPD for 13 years and has been a subject in five additional complaints and nine allegations, none of which have been substantiated. §87(2)(9)
additi	Reynoso has been a member of the NYPD for 13 years and has been a subject in three conal CCRB complaints and three allegations, none of which have been substantiated.
	Cordova has been a member of the NYPD for 21 years and has been a subject in four onal CCRB complaints and four allegations, none of which have been substantiated.
	Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories
This o	case was ineligible for mediation due to an arrest without a DAT.
	January 18, 2019, the New York City Office of the Comptroller has no record of a Notation being filed in regards this to complaint. (Board Review 15)
§ 87(2)(b)	

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Investigator:	Signature	Inv. Thomas Juliano Print Title & Name	Date
Squad Leader:	Signature	Print Title & Name	 Date